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Dear Sir:

Petitioner renews it's Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120 filed for the above referenced patent under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) on March 16, 2007.

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APPLICANT HEREBY RENEWS IT'S PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED BENEFIT CLAIM UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)3.

Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 1.78(a)3, this renewed petition includes the following items:

- 1. REFERENCE: The above referenced patent is a continuation of, and claims benefit to U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/024,035, filed on Dec. 17, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,636,584, which is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 09/471,106, titled Apparatus And Method For Imaging Objects With Wavefields, and filed on December 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,587,540, which is incorporated herein by reference, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/706,205, filed on Aug. 29, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/486,971, filed on June 22, 1995, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/961,768, filed on Oct. 14, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,588,032.
- 2. PETITION SURCHARGE: \$ 1,370.00 (37 CFR 1.17(t)) was previously paid with petitioner's original petition dated September 9, 2005.
- 3. STATEMENT: The entire delay in claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)2 and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.
- 4. AMENDMENT: Applicant previously submitted a preliminary amendment to the specification although applicant notes that the application is now under examination and a response to a first office action mailed October 11, 2006 has been submitted.
- 5. REMARKS: Petitioner's renewed petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 was dismissed because petitioner delayed filing a renewed petition until over one year after the mailing of the October 28, 2005 decision even though the October 28, 2005 decision set out precisely what was require to submit a grantable petition. Accordingly, as requested by the Legal Examiners, Petitioner herein sets forth an explanation for the lengthy delay between the mail date of the decision of October 28, 2005 and the filing of the renewed petition on December 18, 2006.

Petitioner notes the time line for the present Petition is as follows:

- On September 9, 2005, Petitioner filed a Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 for U.S. Patent Application 10/615,569, filed July 7, 2003.
- On October 28, 2005 the Petition was dismissed by the Office of Petitions for improperly incorporating by reference prior filed applications <u>AND</u> because the priority chain in every preceding application in the chain was not correct. After

Petitioner received the dismissal, Petitioner called Petitions Examiner Wan Laymon who clarified that the priority chain in each preceding applications <u>must</u> be correct before the correction to the present application could be made.

- 3. On January 31, 2006, Petitioner submitted a renewed Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit for <u>preceding</u> application 10/024,035, filed December 17, 2001.
- 4. On August 2, 2006, the petition for the preceding application (10/024,035) was granted and a certificate of correction was issued on September 26, 2006 and received by Petitioner on October 3, 2006.
- 5. On December 15, 2006, Petitioner filed the present renewed Petition for U.S. Patent Application 10/615,569, filed July 7, 2003.

In summary, Petitioner's understanding of the October 28, 2005 decision was that the priority claim of the preceding application (10/024,035) must be corrected before a renewal of the present petition for U.S. Patent Application 10/615,569, filed July 7, 2003. The correction on the preceding application (10/024,035) was not received until October 3, 2006, and Petitioner then filed the renewal of the present Petition two months after receiving the correction of the priority claim in the preceding application.

Accordingly, Petitioner believes he has been reasonable diligent in pursuing the Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 for U.S. Patent Application 10/615,569 since:

- 1. the delay from October 28, 2005 to October 3, 2006 was a direct consequence to work on a related case that contributed substantially to the ultimate preparation of the instant renewed Petition (see MPEP 2138.06); and
- 2. the remaining delay from October 3 2006 to December 15, 2006 was only two months, which time is attributable to Petitioner's attorney taking up the matter in due course of a reasonable backlog of unrelated cases (See Bey v. Kollonitsch, 866 F.2d 1024 (Fed. Cir. 1986)).

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Petitioner respectfully request it's Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for the Benefit of Priority Under 35 U.S.C. 120 be renewed. If any impediment to the renewal of the Petition remains after submission of the Certificate of Correction, the Petition Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Garron M. Hobson at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Petitioner encloses a check in the amount of \$100.00 for the Certificate of Correction fee. It is Petitioner's understanding that an additional Petition fee is not required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition Renewal Request to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

DATED this /8 day of // , 2007.

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